(c) and (d) As per the Census of 2001, the extent of the disabled population in the country is 21.3% . However, in absence of data about income distribution, the number of potential beneficiaries is not available.

Eligibility criteria of scholarships for Scheduled Castes

529. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh is not implementing the Central Government directions of enhancing the eligibility criteria for availing the Scheduled Caste scholarship; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, being taken by the Central Government as justice is denied to approximately 8.5 lakh students of the State, estimated to be eligible during the year 2006-07 upon implementation of the Central Government instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government has been advised to adhere to the provisions of the revised Scheme.

Adarsh Dalit Gram

†530. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to brand villages having more than 50 per cent dalit population as 'Adarsh Dalit Gram' throughout the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise and district-wise details of such villages throughout the country at present;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.